and wholeheartedly focusing one's energy on the city of Carbondale--past, present and future--for the betterment of the city as a whole. When one's energies are channeled in that manner, one's heart and mind are filled with what David Baum, in an editorial in THE CARBONDALE NEWS of Wednesday, September 2, 1981, page 4, entitled "Pioneer Spirit Can It Last,?" identified as the Pioneer Spirit. The Pioneer Spirit is nothing more, be it known, than respect for the past, coupled with faith in oneself and in the future. Only when one is imbued with that spirit, it is our contention, does one become a citizen of Carbondale. David Baum is imbued with that spirt.

Secondly, David Baum, in the past 17 months, has taken a stand--clearly, publicly and courageously--on all issues that relate to the city of Carbondale, and has consistently shown himself to be a friend of the city of Carbondale. When David Baum became the Editor of THE CARBONDALE NEWS in January 1981, that newspaper's editorial page came suddenly alive, as did the entire newspaper, with the dynamic and multi-faceted peresonality of David Baum, citizen of Carbondale. As soon as his tenure as Editor of THE NEWS began, David Baum began to channel his energy--actively, constructively and wholeheartedly--on the city of Carbondale for the betterment of the entire community. As Editor he, from the very beginning, held up a mirror to us so that we might see ourselves, for better or for worse, as we are. As Editor he, from the very beginning, gave praise when, in his opinion, praise was due. As Editor he, from the very beginning, pointed the finger of condemnation when, in his opinion, condemnation was in order. He did so for one reason and for one reason alone: the betterment of the city of Carbondale.

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